

OmpR

Who? What? How? So?

Who?

EnvZ

Osmolarity
Sensor

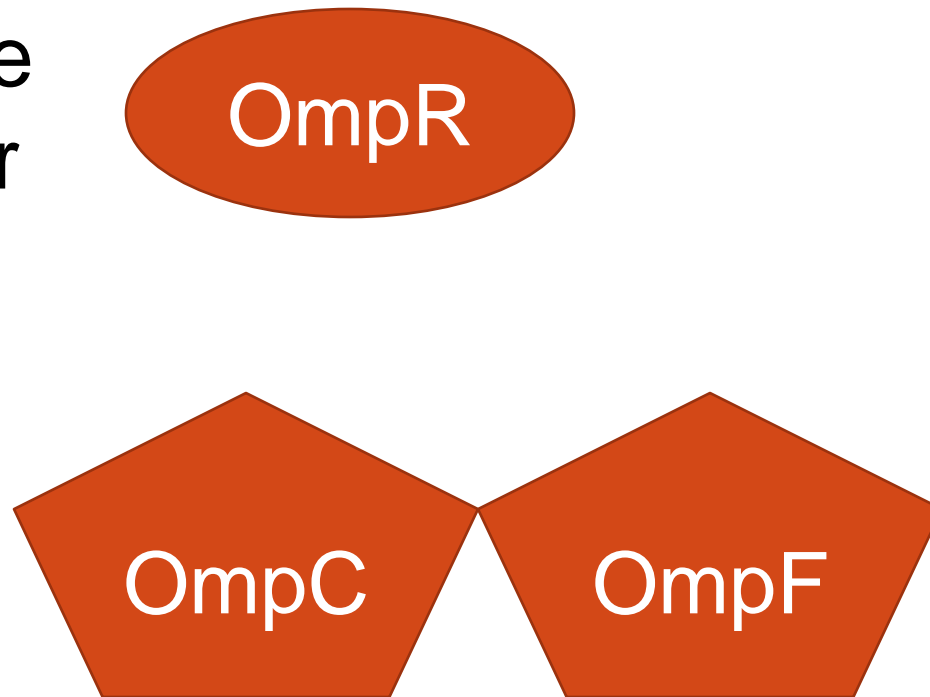
Response
Regulator

OmpR

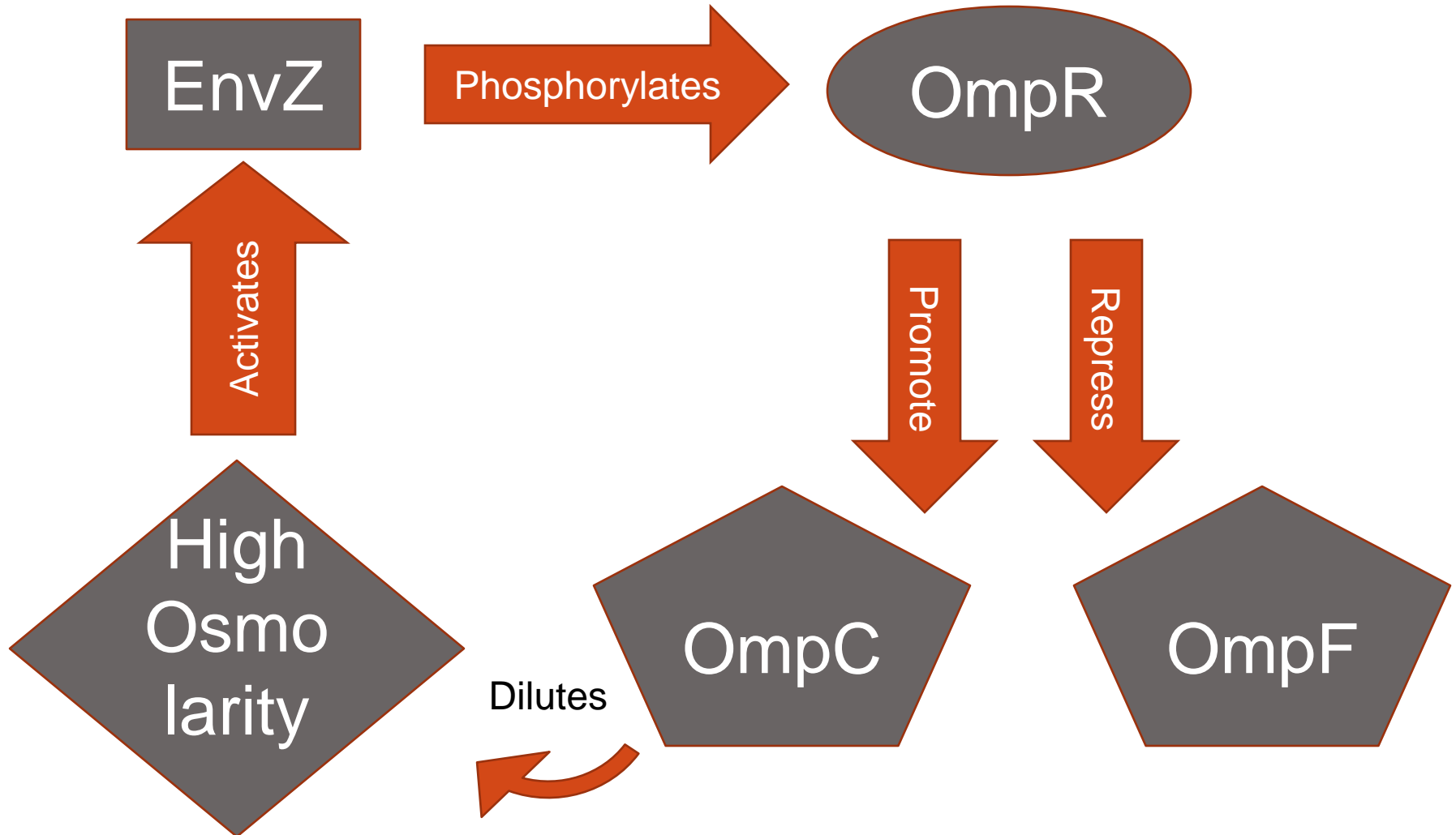
OmpC

OmpF

Porins



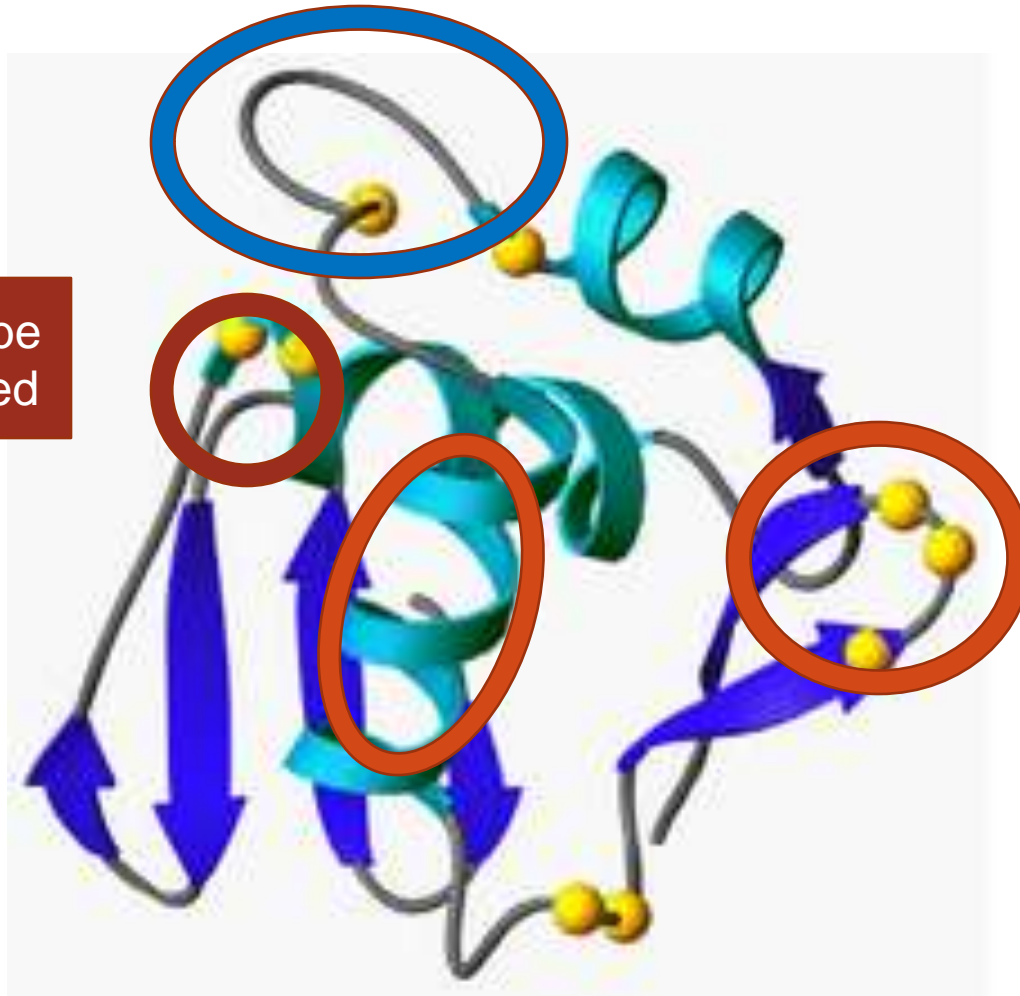
What?



How?

RNAPol binding
domain

Aspartate to be
Phosphorilated



DNA binding
domain

Exactly How??

- OmpR is 27kDa, divided in:
N-term 125aa / linker / 98aa C-term
- Increased binding of phosphorylated OmpR over unphosphorylated OmpR to DNA
- Hierarchical binding of upstream sites of OmpC & OmpF
- Thus, increased occupancy of upstream sites for OmpC & OmpF with phosphorylated OmpR
- Depending of bound sites, OmpR functions as transcriptional activator or repressor

So?

- Our coli is deficient in natural EnvZ
- Ergo, OmpR is rarely phosphorylated
- Our phytochrome has EnvZ fused
- Ergo, light will equate to phosphorylated OmpR
- Ergo, increased transcription of OmpC, decreased of OmpF
- Our reporter gene is downstream of an OmpC promoter
- Ergo, TRANSCRIPTION!!

Notes

- High osmolarity means high OmpR concentration
- If strain is OmpR deficient, BBa_K098011 will generate OmpR (not needed if working with E. coli)
- Personal note: I feel Coliroid team coupled an OmpF porin to an OmpC promoter to avoid either cell explosion or collapse...
- And PoPs does appear to be Polymerases per Second
- Source:
<http://stock.cabm.rutgers.edu/coord/OmpRc/>
and as usual the parts registry...